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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit this Preliminary Amendment in the above-referenced case.

Consideration of this case in view of the amendments made herein is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENT

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

At page 1, line 2, please insert the following paragraph:

--This application is a continuation of PCT Application No. PCT/AT00/00100 filed 20 April 2000, which claims priority to Austrian Application No. A 727/99 filed 23 April 1999.--